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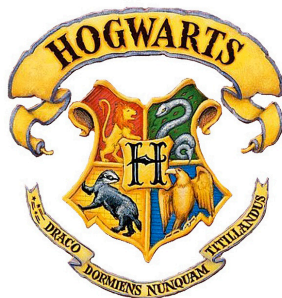
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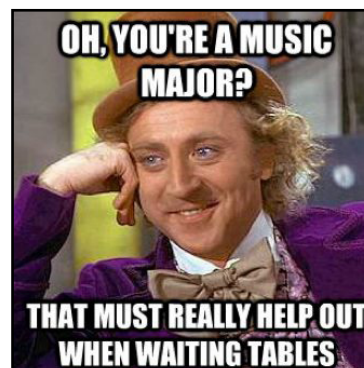
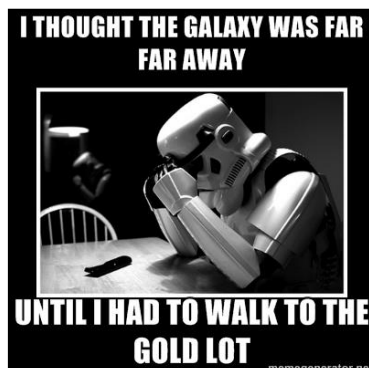
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They've been taking the Internet by storm for years now, forming websites with forums, editing capabilities, and hitting social media networks. Colleges and universities have pages on Facebook dedicated to them, and there are even Twitter accounts that tweet them.

Memes have officially invaded.

For those of you who don't know, the word meme means an element of culture that may be passed from one individual to another, mostly via the Internet.

People all the over the world have been creating these memes for years, but they are suddenly becoming more popular as students are exposed to them up close and personal in their Facebook newsfeed or Twitter timeline.



LVC MEMES

ALL IN GOOD FUN? Recent Facebook page, “Lebanon Valley College Memes,” creates commical memes relating to life as an LVC student. The page has become an instant hit receiving over 600 likes in the past week.

Local colleges and universities, such as Temple, Penn State, and Millersville, have started spreading word of their schools in the form of memes and have received quite a lot of traction.

Most recently, the Lebanon Valley College students have been interacting with their own memes page, created by an LVC student earlier this month.

The page posts photos poking

fun at majors of study, the administration (mainly the Vice President of Student Affairs, Gregory Krikorian), every day occurrences, and some campus flaws, such as views of the UG and the food Metz serves students.

An example of a meme on the page is of Drew Carrey, holding a card on the show “Whose Line is it Anyway?” an improvisational show from the 90's. The text

reads: “Welcome to LVC, where the promises are made up and your opinion doesn't matter”.

Fifty-four people clicked the like button.

Many other similar photos have been posted, being deemed as funny by some and profane by others.

“I viewed the page last week,

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Presidential search committee remains optimistic despite setbacks

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The search continues for the next president of Lebanon Valley College. After eight years in the position – and 14 years altogether at LVC – President Stephen C. MacDonald will retire in June. He leaves behind a legacy marked by several engineering and financial successes, most recently the Mund College Center reconstruction. His departure, however, has also opened the door for new leadership.

Interest in the position has been high, with over 80 candidates applying for the job. Elyse Rogers, an attorney with the law firm of Saidis, Sullivan & Rogers and chair

of the Presidential Search Committee (PSC), said that the Board of Trustees “conducted a national search last summer” that led to subsequent interviews in the fall. The board eventually narrowed the selections down to three candidates, each of whom was invited to an on-campus interview.

According to Rogers, one candidate was extended an offer, but negotiations stalled after the candidate “withdrew from consideration” due to personal reasons.

Dr. Renee Lapp Norris, an Associate Professor of Music and board member, agreed, noting “that there were personal and not professional reasons for the candidate declining the offer.”

The search began in May 2011

after President MacDonald's announcement that he would step down in June of this year. By July 1, the board expects to have concluded the search with the 18th president of LVC taking office.

A professional consulting firm based in Washington, AGB Search, was recruited to aid in the hiring process.

Rogers credited Jamie Ferrare, the Managing Principal, as being of “invaluable assistance.” Ferrare, who has performed over 80 searches in the field of higher education for similar positions, has brought a seasoned perspective to the procedure.

Still, LVC remains without a president. Though the process has experienced setbacks, the PSC

chair remained optimistic about its outcome.

“The search process has been and will continue to be a positive catalyst for many at LVC,” said Rogers. “Change can be unsettling, but it can also be exciting. Change brings opportunity.”

The new president will enter into an era at LVC marked by success and transition. In addition to the changing landscape – the renovations of the Lynch Memorial Hall, Neidig-Garber Science Center, the Humanities Center, and the creation of Stanson Residence Hall – the new president will also be expected to account for the increasing interest in the school from

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NEWS

MEMES: Facebook page pokes fun at LVC culture

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and haven't looked at it since. There are things on there that I don't condone, or support. But, at the end of the day, it's free speech," said Gregory Krikorian, the vice president of student affairs.

"Sites like those serve as a release, whether you agree with the content or not," he continued. "It's not a place I would gain information. The method we have for communications is through student government, which is the elected representation of the student body. We also have other forms, like the RA system or students just telling us what they think."

Officials don't want the memes site mistaken for a school-sanctioned page. Krikorian said the office of Marketing & Communications sent out an e-mail to the pages' host, asking the creator to disassociate the page from the college by removing the Dutchmen logo and some additional information. The logo and information has since been deleted.

"It's important to be mindful that your words can be hurtful, demeaning, and to not cross those boundaries. Poking fun at things is normal. It's important to not cross those lines," Krikorian said. "If students have any issues or concerns, they are absolutely free to bring them in to me."

The page has also grabbed attention of college sustainable icons Green Man and Enviro Boy.

"Enviro Boy and I are impressed by the viral nature of collegiate memes both at LVC and around the country. I wish half as many people were involved in our efforts of 'social responsibility' on our page 'cough, shameless plug, cough'. The ones that feature Fry and Willy Wonka are my favorite, but some of them are pretty lame. Just keep it clean like you'd keep our campus!" said Green Man, in response to the page.

They've even gotten in on the fun as well, posting meme pictures about overusing the printers in the computer labs.

When browsing the page, it's not hard to tell how popular it has become, gaining about over 600 page "likes" in just a few

days. Out of the people who like it, the majority click like on several pictures, share them, and even post their own.

In an exclusive interview with the creator of the LVC memes page, a lot of tough questions were finally answered.

"Everything started when I saw other colleges meme page's sprout up practically overnight. I had tons of good, funny ideas for an LVC one, so I created a page," said the creator, who wishes to remain anonymous. "I figured it would be fun to create humor out of things involving LVC, which is the sole reason for creating it."

The creator went on to explain themselves and the pages' content.

"I apologize to those I've deeply offended, but I'm just creating humor, kind of like how comedians do, sometimes resulting in people getting offended," said the originator of the page.

There is no intent to provide hate speech towards anyone. I have no problems with music majors or lacrosse players, even though my page may suggest it. In fact, I believe the music majors add a lot of culture to this campus and round out the academic experience here. I also enjoy lacrosse, and I'm looking forward to following them this season. The point of the page is to create humor, not to offend people."

The site's originator did state, however, that several questionable photos and comments were voluntarily deleted.

Some students around campus that have visited the page generally agree with the content.

"I think that despite how crude these memes are, there is some underlying truth behind them that allows them to be very satirical and funny," says junior Sean Foley.

As for Ashley Farr, a senior, this was her first run in with memes.

"I never really heard of them before until the page was created. I think they're hysterical and all in good fun. That seems to be the census of students that I talk to; everyone seems to love them," she said. "They're funny most likely because most of them are things that people are thinking

but don't say out loud."

"I think that the sayings are funny and just picking on things to get students saying 'that's so true' or even just to get a laugh," says junior Ashlyn DiNinni. "People will always find a way to make something more personal than it was meant to be and take the saying out of the context of it just being a joke. I hope that doesn't happen so everyone can continue to have something funny to bond over."

Sophomore Kyle Wagner, a member of student government, feels the public form is filled with things everyone knows and says.

"Everyone pokes fun at different departments in person anyway, but when it goes online there's suddenly an uproar. It isn't like we're personally attacking or hating those people, it's all in good fun," Wagner said. "I compare to laughing and joking with friends. We make fun of each other time to time, sometimes getting pretty bad, but that doesn't mean I hate them; it's just something we can laugh at together. We're just having fun."

In response to criticism and posts made on the page, the originator backed up the original plan for why the page was started.

"Some people may think I hate LVC, but I truly don't. I'm not forcing anyone to look at this page and scroll through the photos, if you don't like them, then don't go on the page."

"This is a liberal arts college. I actually speak my mind, which is a big part of college life, and the school practically screams bloody murder over pointed out flaws and humorous pictures," the originator said. "I'm entitled to my opinion, and the fact that many others that have gone to and currently attend LVC agree with me should not be pushed into a corner and ostracized."

The link to the Lebanon Valley College Memes Facebook page is listed below. You must be logged into Facebook to view the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lebanon-Valley-College-Memes/226755014086182>

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CAMPUS CRIMEWATCH

All information courtesy of the LVC Department of Public Safety

2-8-12 | Lynch
Theft
Mongoose bike was stolen

2-10-12 | Dellinger
Vandalism
Hallway phone destroyed

2-12-12 | Dellinger
Vandalism
Students room was ransacked

2-12-12 | Dellinger
Violation of Controlled Substance Act
Possession of drugs and paraphernalia

2-14-12 | Leedy Theater
Emergency Assistance
Injury

Please report any suspicious activity to Public Safety at x6111.

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prospective students. The Pennsylvania Department of Education reported that LVC had accepted 1,611 full-time undergraduates in the fall of 2010. In 2011, that number grew to 1,630, amid a "record number of applications" according to the school's website.

The opportunity for growth alluded to by Rogers remains a focal point for the board.

Listed on the Lebanon Valley College Profile, a publication produced by the PSC for potential applicants, are a number of qualifications the board is seeking in a candidate. Many of them entail balancing academic vision with a shrewd business sense.

Norris echoed these ideals. "The Trustees are looking for someone who is an accomplished fundraiser and committed to academics."

Besides paying attention to

the college's grade and check-book, the new president will also follow an impressive precedent; both Rogers and Norris commented on President MacDonald's intelligent and charismatic leadership. "Steve is personally engaging, well read and eloquent," said Rogers. "LVC has continued to move forward on every front under his leadership."

The two board members differed, however, on whether a potential candidate could match the current president's distinctive style.

While Rogers held a more diplomatic position, Norris thought the previous standard would be out of reach for the next president. "Hardly possible," said the professor, "even if he or she takes to wearing bowties."

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NEWS

Fifth annual Pink Game raises cancer awareness

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The fifth annual Pink Game was held last Wednesday night, February 8, at home against Elizabethtown. The Pink Game is one of the highest attended games of the season. This year's game brought in 1,465 attendees. LVC beat Elizabethtown 65 to 51, remaining undefeated in conference play with only three games left in the regular season.

The girls' basketball team was also able to raise a lot of money for cancer treatment and to raise overall awareness of cancer. Even though admission to the game was free, many people gave donations to support cancer treatment. Attendees of the pink game were able to purchase baked goods, the pink jerseys worn by the players during the basketball game, and raffle tickets for various prizes, gift cards, and certificates that had been donated by many businesses throughout the area.

Among this year's raffles were

a \$300 gift certificate to the College Store and a three-month membership to the LVC Arnold Sports Center. Other prizes that were donated included one hour of bowling at Palmyra Bowling and gift cards and certificates from Hobby Lobby, Weis Markets, Giant, Kettering Corner,

was not a maximum amount of times a person could bid. The highest amount collected from the jerseys was number 34, Caitlin Murphy, with a total of 280 dollars. All together, the jersey auction raised thousands of dollars for the cause.

LVC's Colleges Against Cancer also took part by providing materials to educate the public about cancer and by selling baked goods to help raise more funds for the cause. Before the game, Colleges Against Cancer sold Pink Game t-shirts as well, which brought in some funds.

In the past, the pink game has raised funds and donated them to the American Cancer Society of Lebanon. This year, however, donor Jeanne Arnold and the girls' basketball head coach, Todd Gocowski, donated 4,000 dollars to both the American Cancer Society of Lebanon and the Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute.

Pete's Pizza in Lebanon, Hearth Family Restaurant, Quentin Tavern (3), J&S Pizza, Parma Pizza, Mancino's Pizza, Wertz Candies, the Batdorf, and Palmyra Dairy Queen. The main prize of the night was a car, which one person was given the chance at a half-court shot to win this car.

The auctioned pink game jerseys, however, are one of the largest fundraisers for cancer treatment. People could bid online and at a silent auction on game day. The minimum bid for each jersey was 75 dollars, but there



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Student Government Updates 2.13.12

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On February 13th, Student Government convened for its fourth meeting of the semester to discuss a pilot program for off-campus housing, Founder's Day, an SG highway clean-up project, the trashcans outside Funkhouser, the renovation of Hammond, and the elevators in Miller Chapel, Humanities, and Carnegie Hall.

SG Vice-President Katie Seigendall spoke with Vice-President Greg Krikorian about a potential LVC pilot program for off-campus

housing for fourth-year Physical Therapy majors. If this program is enacted, Krikorian shall decide by May 1st whether non-PT seniors will be eligible for this housing program.

SG members will be marching during the Founder's Day ceremony, scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st.

SG members will participate in a highway clean-up community service project on April 28th.

Facilities Chair Roberto Valdes '14 reported that a trash can outside Funkhouser had been unbolted and knocked over during

the weekend but that he would speak to Facilities about getting that trashcan bolted down again. Furthermore, Valdes reported that Hammond will be renovated over the summer as Keister was renovated two years ago.

Regarding the Accessibility Task Force, Valdes reported that Facilities will be looking at the elevators in the chapel and Humanities to address issues, but eventually these two elevators will be replaced. Valdes also reported that the renovations on the Carnegie elevator have been put on hold for now.

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LVC ALUM SPOTLIGHT

Dennis Phillippy '63 is not a recent alum, as he jokingly puts it. Now retired, he is best known as the former director of the Central Dauphin High School Planetarium, which was named in his honor. To his friends and family, however, he is better known as a husband, father of three, and "Poppa" (doting grandfather to his six grandchildren). Recently, he spoke with me about life, love, and LVC.

1. How has your life changed since you graduated from LVC?

"Life throws you some interesting curves. In hindsight, I realize that the institutions and the curriculums I chose, rather by chance, prepared me for what I would move on to do for the rest of my career. With the space race in full swing, the state was funding schools to enhance the sciences. Central Dauphin was in the process of an expansion and a planetarium was included in that expansion. I was perfectly positioned to direct that facility. For the next 31 years, I was the teacher/director of the planetarium that served the whole district."

2. You were a transfer student. How did you adjust to life at LVC?

"My first semester at LVC was a bit of a struggle. I overloaded my curriculum and found myself in 'deep water' with three lab courses (Organic Chemistry, Physics, and Comparative Biology) not to mention the History course that was really out of my league. Through it all, I discovered that I really hadn't learned how to study and being a 'day student' didn't help me. Somehow I survived and things went uphill from there. Because I had changed majors and now was considering teaching as my calling, I took the 'five year plan'. It seems that I settled in for my last two years at the Valley. I was more focused [and] I got more involved."

3. If you had one regret (something you did or didn't do) from your LVC experience, what would that be?

"As I look back on my college experience, I do not regret a thing, nor do I have any interest in going back in time. Maybe I would have benefited from living on campus, but then again I was rather immature. I wasn't quite ready to go it on my own. That said, Lebanon Valley served me well. All the professors I had were caring and motivating. My education was second to none. It was during those last two years at the Valley that the most influential event in my life occurred. I met the girl that would become my wife. Not a Valley girl, but a girl that was right for me at the right time."

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Corrections & Clarifications

It is our continuing goal to provide readers with complete and accurate information. To that end, we welcome and encourage notification of any mistakes. Readers who wish to submit corrections should send an email to lavie@lvc.edu, subject line: *Corrections*.

Features

National Eating Disorder Week

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Over 8 million American citizens suffer from an eating disorder and only 40% of these victims fully recover. The National Eating Disorder Awareness week, from February 26th to March 3rd, urges as many people as possible to do just one thing for the prevention of eating disorders and the promotion of positive body image in hopes of causing these sobering statistics to change for the better. This year's theme is "Everybody Knows Somebody."

NEDA explains that there are two types of prevention: primary and secondary. Primary prevention deals with programs that aim to prevent eating disorders from happening in the first place while secondary prevention refers to programs for people who already have a disorder, to strive for recovery. Both programs aim to promote healthy development, but secondary prevention works on treatment.

Eating disorders usually evolve from behavioral, biological, emotional, psychological, and social issues such as self-esteem problems, depression, troubled relationships, physical or sexual abuse, and the notion of "the perfect body." Unfortunately, these struggles cause complex conditions that can only be completely healed with professional help.

Luckily, LVC's Counseling Services are offering free eating disorder screenings at Shroyer Health Center from Monday, February

20th to Friday, February 24th. If you believe that someone in your life (you or one of your peers) may be suffering from an eating disorder, be sure to act early and consult the Counseling Services as soon as possible to increase the chance of recovery. Visits are strictly confidential and counselors remain discrete.

Even if you are not concerned about developing an eating disorder, it is healthy to maintain good body image on a daily basis. Here are some tips to achieve a positive body image every day:

- appreciate everything that your body allows you to do

- consider everyone that has made a positive impact on your life, and realize that their appearance was not crucial to that impact.

- remind yourself that true beauty is not skin deep but it is a state of mind.

- always make time to do something for yourself; take a bath, make time for a nap, take a walk, etc.

- surround yourself by positive people who will support you and make you feel good about yourself.

If you want to get involved in NEDAwareness Week, visit www.nationaleatingdisorders.org to register for events and to gain access to the resources necessary to spread the word of prevention and recovery.

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No boundaries for "Hump Day"

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Every Wednesday, in the basement of Mund, behind a door with a lighted "On Air" sign, four students gather around microphones and chat for an hour. A new talk radio show has arrived at LVC. Hump Day, named for its Wednesday time slot, first aired on WLVC on February 8 from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m. The four hosts, Tyler Weaber '13, Megan Harris '13, Blair Ransom '12, and Kyle Stewardson '12, discussed Valentine's Day in a rambunctious free format.

The show has its roots in a journalism class assignment, but the four students complement each other perfectly.

"The four hosts have a natural chemistry," said Professor Bob Vucic, "I hope "Hump Day" becomes more than just a class project."

Vucic didn't want to put too much restraint on the show. "There's no topic out of bounds. Be edgy, but be decent. Avoid the guttural," he advised the hosts.

Rather than pinning any host into one particular role, the hosts decided to keep the format loose and fun.

"Originally we were all going to be certain personalities," said co-host Weaber, "Now we all just feed off of each other."

Though the conversation is always accessible and fun, the hosts do their homework on each week's topic.

Co-host Harris said, "Throughout the week we get together as a group to come up with a list of discussion questions. Individually, we prepare ourselves by doing background research on the subject we will be talking about during the upcoming show."

Discussing Valentine's Day, the free-flowing commentary was interspersed with relevant facts and knowledge gathered from the hosts' background research. The conversation approached the Valentine's Day topic from many angles, including romantic date tips, denouncements of the holiday itself, gender roles and expectations, and even a cappella singing.

"I think the most memorable moment of the show was when Blair started singing a love song," said Harris.

Planned as a call-in show, the hosts had to rely on social media when the phone system was down during the first airing. Each host had a way to access Twitter, Facebook, and other methods of online contact to see what their listeners were saying.

"It was exciting to see how many tweets and messages we actually got for our first time on the air, so we were pretty happy leaving the studio," said Harris, "we're hoping for even more in the weeks to come...we are depending on listeners to make our show a success."

Tonight's airing will continue the themes of romance.

"We will be talking about interracial dating on campus and we will interview a couple on the air," Harris said.

The hosts are continuing to refine the format. Half of tonight's show will be discussion while the second half will emphasize participation. Harris said, "we want the second half of the show to be run as an 'open mic' and let listeners run the show by submitting their comments via twitter or chat."

The Hump Day hosts encourage ongoing suggestions from their audience.

"We would love as much feedback as possible and even ideas of different topics they think we should tackle while on the show," Weaber said.

Harris added, "Our ultimate goal is to present a program that entertains, informs, and involves the students here at LVC."

Hump Day can be reached on their Facebook group (search "LVC's Hump Day") and @humpdaylvc on Twitter.

Live shows air every Wednesday at 9 p.m. Listeners can tune in to the web stream and send instant chat messages at <http://wlvcradio.lvc.edu>

Phone numbers, if the system is working, will be announced on the air.

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The day after Valentine's Day proves the celebration does not end

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So Valentine's Day is over. For women, you've spent the past couple of weeks planning and daydreaming about the special day, while the men have been marking up the calendar and spending their time trying to think of a way to make it special again this year. Not to mention all the single people who unearth their "I hate Valentine's Day" or "Love is for Smucks" t-shirts. Everyone thinks about Valentine's Day. But not many people give much thought to the day after Valentine's Day.

What happens the day after Valentine's Day? Certainly, everyone has to go back to their normal lives, there is the occasional "Walk of Shame," but does everything really go back to normal, or is there a period of sweet happiness?

According to the Diamond Information Center, approximately 10% of marriage proposals happen on Valentine's Day. So undoubtedly, for these couples, the next day is spent with smiles and spreading the news, and for days, weeks, and maybe even months after, they live in a whirlwind of romance and wedding magazines.

So nothing quite that special happened on Valentine's Day. Is the magic really over? Most people do go back to normal on the day after Valentine's Day, but some continue to celebrate. They make it a week-long tradition of love or, especially if Valentine's Day lands in the middle of the week, they continue sweet romance through the weekend.

A lot of college students, with their busy schedules and living sometimes very far away from the ones they love, drag out the Valentine's Day shenanigans. Depending on who they are around, col-

lege students might celebrate on Valentine's Day or go stag or with friends to a party, but the real fun happens on the days before or after Valentine's Day when they are able to see their other half. "My experience with Valentine's Day is very different," says Alyssa Carter '13 a Psychology and Philosophy double major at Lebanon Valley College. "My boyfriend is Studying Abroad in the Philadelphia Program...We do go out and do something, but normally it's something we either decide mutually, or it is a complete surprise that he has planned ahead of time," says Carter.

Some students, like Alyssa, have to celebrate Valentine's Day on a day other than the official day. So, is the magic really over when the clock strikes midnight on February 14? The truth is even once the world goes back to its daily routine and pace, the magic should never disappear. As Shakespeare said, "Love is not love which alters when alteration finds."

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Arts & Entertainment

LVC student has over 80,000 students as myHogwarts professor

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Did you cry when you realized you were never going to be accepted into Hogwarts? Did you, like so many others, want to experience the magic of the Wizarding World (pun most definitely intended) for yourself?

Starting in July of 2012, everybody and anybody around the world can access myHogwarts, an online fan site where people can take classes, connect with others, and establish friendships.

LVC freshman Steph George will be the Defense Against the Dark Arts professor, Serena Aragon, for the virtual Hogwarts.

After working with the creator of the site, Keith Cardin, on other Harry Potter internet projects such as Wizarding Life (a magazine based off of the *Daily Prophet*, where people write in character articles about the magic world), she applied for the position following an e-mail request and was hired. As of now, she already has 80,000 students for the upcoming semester.

Other subjects include Potions, Transfiguration, Charms and Herbology. New courses will be added to the site as it continues to become established.

The purpose of myHogwarts is not only to teach, but also to connect. Consider myHogwarts

as the Facebook of the wizarding world. "There's more to Harry Potter than just the books," said George. Meet your classmates and develop new friendships while bonding over what could potentially be one of the most important and influential series of your lives. Here you can also listen to Wizard Rock, a genre of music specifically devoted to Harry Potter via the online radio station.

At this point, you might be thinking, "Isn't Pottermore supposed to be the same kind of thing? Why can't I just join that?" This is the very reason why George and her colleagues developed myHogwarts. Potter-

more and myHogwarts are two completely separate experiences. "We weren't satisfied with Pottermore," said George. "Pottermore is good because it gives a lot of background on the characters and on the series, but it wasn't what we were expecting. This [myHogwarts] is what we expected and what we wanted."

Other speculations you could be having include the usage of the internet in the wizarding world. George also addresses this problem. "I'm aware that you can't learn magic over the internet. We're going to teach you subjects so you can learn things in real life." Really, though, if you're concerned more about the

internet usage rather than being overjoyed at the opportunity to learn at Hogwarts, you probably shouldn't be on the site at all.

myHogwarts is currently in beta testing, but will be fully open up to the public in July.

"If you feel alone in the world of Harry Potter because things have ended, there are ways for you to continue being actively involved in the series. Online fandom is just one of them," said George.

Any specific questions can be answered on the FAQ page of myHogwarts via www.myhogwarts.co.uk.

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GAMER ZONE: THE BEAUTY OF MODS

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Gamers who own The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim for PC are in for a treat from Bethesda this week. The Creation Kit was released this week, which is basically an exten-

sive tool to allow gamers to create and modify the game in any way they want.

All it takes is a little technical know-how (and a little bit of scripting for the more advanced stuff) and you can, well, create anything you want in the game.

Modification (or mods) aren't new to the series. I can remember all the way back to the Morrowind days and the countless hours I spent searching and downloading mods.

A smorgasbord of content is available, anything from new

quests, factions, houses, weapons, armor, anything! Oblivion saw an even greater increase in content. It was amazing (albeit sometimes game-breaking) stuff, and all for free.

But yes, you heard it right, this will only be available for the PC version. This is one of the common advantages to many PC games, and is definitely one of the main factors I consider when purchasing a game.

At the end of it all, mods really just extend the game far beyond what even the developers of a game can muster. Some mod communities even go so far as to make "unofficial patches" to fix every single little bug that exists in the game. If

a texture is blurry, a model blocky, or an animation awkward or stiff, the mod community will probably have it fixed by tomorrow.

Mods are a great addition to many of the games I love, and it helps to hone them and extend them to places the developers just couldn't physically have taken them. Many PC games have thriving mod communities, so if you haven't checked out anything like this before, look around and see what you turn up. Or even better, try your hand at making some mods. You might be the first person to bring dragon riding into the world of Skyrim!

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ROGER VAN SCYOC '13
STAFF WRITER

I'd like to think the world knew I was going to be AOA (Awesome on Arrival). When my birth mom got knocked up, the world was going through some pretty drastic changes – I assume, to get ready for my inception. When my 49ers beat the Denver Broncos 55-10 (no Tim Tebow) in Super Bowl XXIV, I know my mother must have indulged (which would explain a lot) at what I imagine to be an incredibly wild South Korean Super Bowl Party. When Nelson Mandela was freed from prison after almost 27 years, in the womb, I was already doing the Mergue pre-“Dancing with the Stars.” And that disintegration of the Communist bloc – oh yeah, they knew a new era of democracy was about to be born.

Now that I'm here, my assumption that I'm destined for fame and fortune is just as present and egotistical as it was back in the “friendly confines” of Momma's belly. So far, things have been going according to plan: go to school, go to a bigger school, do not fail out of bigger school, eventu-

ally succeed. But, there is one glaring flaw in my so-called plan; if I am truly destined for greatness, I need to drop out of college.

Sure, I can get a degree anytime – if I want to be average. In order to be extraordinary, I need to swing for the fences (or strike out). Dropping out of school seems like the only reasonable conclusion.

Colleges, themselves, are struggling. Graduation rates have stagnated while the influx of freshman and incoming undergraduates has not just remained steady, but has actually increased. Tamar Lewin, a journalist for The New York Times, described the findings of a Complete College America (a nonprofit group dedicated to help undergrads become grads) report on the incoming/outgoing exchange of college students. To sum up: the findings weren't good.

“Time is the enemy of college completion,” the report said. “The longer it takes, the more life gets in the way of success.”

I totally agree. I won't let something stupid like college get in the way of my meteoric rise.

The outline of my new plan is simple: drop out, and then find a novel

idea. Like Facebook. Or the Segway. Their inventors, Mark Zuckerberg and Dean Kamen respectively, were both college dropouts. It's time to follow in their footsteps.

Everybody knows Mark Zuckerberg. As of Nov. 2011, Forbes reported his net worth to be a scant \$17.5 billion. He was also number nine on Forbes's “The World's Most Powerful People” list. Lastly, and most importantly, he beat Oprah. Interestingly, his fellow Harvard dropout, Bill Gates, preceded him at number five. With all this incontrovertible evidence, I need to “drop it like it's hot” (college that is). Precious time is wasting.

Dean Kamen also has his own website. Though slightly less cooler than Zuckerberg's, Kamen's site has, so far, given me plenty of tips. Upon entering his home page, I was accosted by a massive photo of Kamen himself (duly noted), along with a cool name and symbol (DEKA). I can't wait to make ROVA.

The rest of Kamen's page was devoted to a long-winded account of his accomplishments (I love this guy). This was all preceded by a self-serving quote, which read: “You

have teenagers thinking they're going to make millions as NBA stars when that's not realistic for even 1 percent of them. Becoming a scientist or engineer is.” – Dean Kamen.” Ironically, growing up, I wanted to play in the NBA. Then puberty hit (or missed). Nevertheless, Kamen's story and incredible webpage taught me some valuable lessons: adopt a catchy phrase, have hair in middle age, and wear denim shirts. I'll wear them better, though; the new model of dropout success just got a lot hotter.

To go along with this stunning picture, I've already created my new motto: “When in doubt, drop out.” Move over Zuckerberg; prepare to move down to number ten. College wasn't for you. More evidence is suggesting that it's not for me either.

David Leonhardt, another writer for The New York Times, reported that “the United States does a good job enrolling teenagers in college, but only half of students who enroll end up with a bachelor's degree.”

I always used to put myself in the half that would graduate. Now, I know better.

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The Soul Train reaches final stop, but inspiration lives on

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To some, February is a month of love dedicated to a significant other and celebrating this love on the holiday of Valentine's Day. To many more, February is a month dedicated to the powerful leaders of this country and celebrating them on President's Day. To others, mainly people of African-American descent, the entire month of February is meant to celebrate the culture and the success of African-American innovators.

This month is also known as Black History Month.

During Black History Month, it is common for everyone to view and learn about iconic people who have been written about in history textbooks. Such iconic people are Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Jackie Robinson, and Rosa Parks. Other important figures have shaped the African-American community. Such a person is Don Cornelius, the charismatic innovator and creator of Soul Train.

When thinking about important figures during Black History Month, Don Cornelius's name is one that gets overshadowed. Cornelius has made an

impact on the African-American community with his popular show Soul Train. He got his start in the TV industry by individually creating, planning, paying, and marketing his idea of Soul Train. After finalizing every detail, he finally got his show aired on a small Chicago TV station in 1970. Soon after his showed aired for the first time, it caught the attention of many viewers and soon spread to millions of television sets across the nation. Cornelius was able to run the entirety of Soul Train by himself and was even the host of Soul Train from 1970 to 1993.

With his success with Soul Train, Cornelius began to expand and branch off into creating recording companies and hosting award ceremonies. Cornelius soon sold Soul Train in 2008 to MadVision Entertainment. Last year, the set and memorabilia of Soul Train was placed into the Smithsonian Museum of African-American History and Culture. Sadly, earlier this year, at the age of 75 Cornelius died of a self-inflicted gun-shot wound to the head. It was said that he was suffering from dementia.

Although he is gone, Cornelius has given a lot to the African-American

community. To understand Cornelius' impact a little better, Darryl Sweeper '15, Bernard Galloway '15, and Kenneth King '15 were more than willing to help explain who he was and his significance to the African-American community.

“Don Cornelius, he was a character to say the least. In all honesty, his significance came from the creation of Soul Train. It's because of Soul Train that African-Americans at the time were able to have a safe place whether on the show or comfort of their own home to express themselves without trouble. It gave African-Americans a chance to share their culture with the world,” Sweeper explains.

“Don Cornelius, the man who started a dancing revolution. It's because of him that hip-hop dancing became popular. The show Soul Train was and is a vastly recognized show about dancing and having a good time. That show helped relay a message of togetherness as everyone that was dancing seemed to be celebrating. They were celebrating life and happiness. The strongest example of that show relaying a message of togetherness and one of a celebration of dance would be the Soul Train line.

I mean come on, who hasn't been in one?” Galloway says.

“Don Cornelius was crazy, but it's because he was crazy that he became a great innovator and a huge figure in the African-American community. To me, Don Cornelius brought the show Soul Train to life; he put the “Soul” in Soul Train. He created a show unlike any that has been seen before his time; he kept it true to the African-American culture and because of this, I at least find him very significant to the African-American community,” King explains.

Don Cornelius lived from September 27, 1936 to February 1, 2012, and it seems that in his life, he was able to create a legacy that reached younger generations. Don Cornelius was able to share the African-American culture to the world along with his own aspirations, and dreams. By creating a celebratory atmosphere, he was able to move people and have them get off their feet and have fun. Don Cornelius will be remembered as a creative, charismatic, and soulful African-American innovator; and like him, I wish you love, peace, and soul.

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Women's Basketball
vs Albright College
W 74-48

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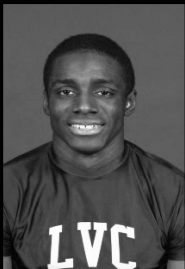
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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JEROME DUNCAN INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

The senior captain comes off a spectacular weekend at the Bucknell Winter Classic, where he won one race and broke two LVC records. Duncan ran the nation's fifth fastest 60m hurdles time in record time 8.19, and a broke his second record in the 60m dash in 7.23.



JAN IKEDA WOMEN'S SWIMMING

The freshman standout brought home two titles, a third place medal, and a new record. She swam the 200-IM in 2:12.87 to capture a third place finish on Day 1 of the MAC Championships, then grabbed first place in both the 100 and 200 butterfly.



Women's Basketball blows out Albright

Seniors honored, clinch top seed in CC Playoffs



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ABOVE Caitlin Murphy '12 dribbles the ball up the court on Senior Day at LVC in a rout against rival Albright College.

CHLOE GUNTHER '13
STAFF WRITER

A win against Albright brought Lebanon Valley to 12-0 in the conference, allowing them to clinch the number one seed in the Commonwealth Conference playoffs.

The Dutchmen topped Albright 74-48, with Caitlin Bach leading the team in points and rebounds. She tallied 14 points and added eight rebounds.

With 30 seconds left to go in the first half, Gia Russo and Liz

Borgia both had layups to give Lebanon Valley a 34-23 lead. At the half, Borgia led the team with eight points.

The Dutchmen took a 10-0 run in the second half, which gave them a 70-38 lead with less than five minutes left to play.

With only 32 seconds left to play, Gabrielle Vass drew a foul and sunk a pair of free throws to close out the win.

Lebanon Valley's bench outscored Albright's 32-0, and out-rebounded them 45-28.

Behind Bach, Borgia had 12 points with Kiely Chaklos adding ten, Tierney Hiltz, and Renee Fritz adding eight.

Hiltz and Fritz both had five rebounds.

The Dutchmen will finish out the season at Widener and Arcadia and then be back to host the conference semifinals on Feb. 22.

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Tough loss on Senior Day for Men's Basketball

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The pageantry of Senior Day was not enough for Lebanon Valley to overcome Albright on Saturday as the Dutchmen fell 72-67.

The Lions spoiled the occasion behind Derek Hall's 16 points in a tightly contested game to hand LVC a crushing loss, dropping the Dutchmen to 11-12 (4-8 CC).

The Dutchmen were led by senior Jordan Stewart's 22 points while fellow senior Joe Meehan and junior Danny Brooks each scored 16.

The Lions rode a 14-2 run late in the first half to take a 37-27 lead into halftime. Albright would stretch their lead to as many as 16 points in the second, but LVC would not go away, relying on big shots from Mee-

han, Brooks and freshman Kevin Agnew to key a 17-5 run.

Albright stopped swung the momentum in their favor again, however, with seven unanswered points late on. LVC cut the score to 68-64 in the final minute, but a dunk from Hall sealed the deal for the Lions.

Alongside Stewart and Meehan, fellow senior Cam Prince, as well as student assistant trainer Emily Hafer, cheerleader Lauren Lebo and manager Kyi Simmons were honored during the pregame Senior Day ceremony. Long-time equipment room assistant Jack Bixler was honored at the half as the recipient the 2012 Hotdog Frank Athletic Service Award.

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Track & Field competes at Bucknell Winter Classic

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Six record times were broken by Dutchmen at the Bucknell Winter Classic this past weekend, with Jerome Duncan '12 running a 8.19 second 60-meter hurdles time, ranking him among the nation's best.

Duncan, who competed with runners from Division I and II schools, beat his old record of 8.44 in the 60-meter hurdle race. He then went on to run a 7.23 in the 60-meter dash, setting another LVC record.

One of the oldest records in the books was broken by freshman Michael Harnish after he finished the 800 in 1:56.19.

Among other notable finishes was Mike Weir, clearing 13-9.25 in the pole vault for eighth place.

On the women's side, Ines Antensteiner '15 broke the school

record for the 200, running it in a time of 26.03. She finished fourth out of the Division III runners. Antensteiner also came in seventh in the 60-meter dash, behind teammate Kristin Fitti-Hafer who crossed the finish line in a record-breaking time of 8.07. They both qualified for ECACs.

Senior Johanna Walker finished the 60-meter hurdles in 9.25, placing her in fifth and beating her own school record.

The Dutchmen will now prepare for the MAC Indoor Championships, set to take place 2/25 at Lehigh University.

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Schedule

Wednesday, 2/14

Women's Basketball
at Widener, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball
at Widener, 8 p.m.

Friday, 2/17

Men's Ice Hockey
vs Lehigh, 2 p.m.

Track & Field
at Susquehanna University
Open
4 p.m.

Saturday, 2/18

Women's Basketball
at Arcadia, 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball
at Arcadia, 3 p.m.

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SPORTS

Lebanon Valley's first MAC Champion

Ikeda crowned champion twice, others place with top 10 finishes



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TOP LEFT Senior Carli Wilfong dives into the pool to get the team hyped up. **TOP RIGHT** Freshman Jan Ikeda is awarded her first place medal for winning the 200-fly championship. **BOTTOM LEFT** Ryan Humphries, senior captain, brings the team in a huddle to get ready for the races. **BOTTOM RIGHT** Head coach Mary Gardner cheers on her swimmer during Day 3 of the MAC Championships.

Swim team wraps up season at MAC Championships

DAN CALLAHAN '14
SPORTS EDITOR

Sunday was a good day for the LVC swim teams, as a couple records fell and a freshman left Wilkes-Barre with a total of two championships.

Freshman Jan Ikeda won the 200-butterfly in record-breaking

style on Sunday, which served as the highlight of the weekend for the MAC Championships. She became the Valley's first women champion on Saturday, as she took first in the 100-fly.

We will find out later this month whether Ikeda makes the NCAA Championships, according to GoDutchmen.com.

Other women who dropped

records off the boards Sunday were Alicia Hain and the 400-free relay team. Hain finished 12th in the 200-backstroke, with a record time of 2:20.93. As for the relay, consisting of Ikeda, Hain, Kristen Zartman '13, and Julia Monageau '14, they broke an old record by about two seconds with a time of 3:54.51. They finished eighth overall.

On the men's side, the team was led by senior captain Ryan Humphries, who set his personal best in the 200-fly with a time of 2:19.75 and finishing 14th.

Matt Dwyer '14 finished 12th in the 200-back in 2:12.38.

The men's 400-free relay consisting of Humphries, Dwyer, Collin Straka, and Elliott Bonds finished eighth in 3:38.04.

Overall, the women finished seventh and the men finished ninth. Congrats on a good season!

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